District 2-X3
"Opportunities for Youth"
OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD
Contestant Rules

Each contestant must be a full time student in a Texas High School or comparable education program, must be a Junior or Senior class member at the time of the District 2-X3 Lions Mid-Winter Conference on **January 19, 2008** in **Palestine, Texas**, and be sponsored by a Lions, Lioness, or Leo Club in District 2-X3. The first place winner of contest will then advance to the state level competitions being held at the MD-2 Lions State Convention on May 16th and 17th, 2007 in Amarillo, Texas at the Ambassador Hotel.

Judges should be persons who are knowledgeable about community service and high school level leadership.

Each entrant shall compete with other contestants at a time appointed by the District 2-X3 Mid-Winter Conference Committee.

Competition evaluation shall include high school grade point average, a personal biographical information statement, three letters of recommendation, performance of community service and leadership participation and a personal interview (attire should be suitable for a professional job interview).

The maximum points to be used for judging contestants shall be:

a.) Grade point average = twenty points
b.) Personal biography information statement = five points
c.) Three letters of recommendation (total) = fifteen points
d.) Community service/leadership = thirty points
e.) Personal interview = thirty points

The judges total scores are to be combined to reach a grand total score.

The area must have good acoustics, be free from outside noises and disturbances, and have controlled access. No one will be allowed to neither enter during an interview nor leave until judges have finished scoring the contestant.

Contestants will be allowed to visit the presentation area, test microphone, and ask questions about contest facilities and procedures.

Contestants shall remain outside the contest room in a designated waiting area until invited to enter by the Contest Coordinator.
Before the contestants enter the contest room, the audience will be instructed not talk during the interviews, turn off cell all phones and not to applaud after each interview.

No one is allowed to enter or exit the contest room during an interview.

Upon entering the contest room, contestants shall state only their names and the interview shall proceed.

Contestants will then take their seat in the assigned area and remain to hear following interviews.

When all interviews have been conducted, contestants in the order of their presentations will stand and state their names, hometowns, ages, schools, grade levels, and LIONS club sponsors. At the end of this process, the audience may then collectively applaud all contestants.

Persons involved in the conduct of the contest, as well as parents, chaperones and guest of the contestants may be introduced.

The winners will be announced during the District 2-X3 **Youth Award Luncheon** at noon. The winner will receive $**300.00** and the runner-up will receive $**150.00**.

All contestants must agreed to be available, on request to participate in District 2-X3 Lions events and activities during the period from immediately after the contest until the end of the following years contest.

The entry fee of $100.00 (which is paid by the club who is sponsoring the contestant) must be submitted with the Contest Application, Two Photographs (head and shoulders close-up), Biographical Information, and a Three Letters of Recommendations. The sponsoring club must make sure all documents are completed and have all the required signatures and then send to the District Coordinator, no later than **January 1, 2008** deadline.

All contestants should be accompanied by a chaperone from the sponsoring Club to the Mid-Winter Conference. Each club must register and pay in advance for each Contestant and Chaperone attending the Youth Awards Luncheon.

Direct all questions and send applications with required information to:

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Note: District 2-X3 Competitions will be held in Palestine, Texas on January 19, 2008. Contest location to be announced at a later date.